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The horror of this ensuing Relation is so great, as to need any amplificati-on, or the needless imbellishment of a Starch'd Exordium; I shall therefore without putting either my self or the Reader to farther trouble, give him a candid

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and true account of a dismal accident, which happened in *Angel Alley*, in *Bishops Gate Street*, [illegible] over against the [illegible] has liv'd for some time an antient industrious widow, *Dorothy Jewers* who by her good Housewifry had obtained so much as made her esteemed very wealthy, considering the meanness of her quality; her common way of livelyhood being to deal in old Goods which were expos'd to sale, and having ready mony many times brought them to great advantage; by this and the like means, the report of her Estate, in Plate and mony, became generally talkt of; that it is to be fear'd, at length the fame of it reacht the Ears of two young persons of different Sexes, who on the one and twentieth of this instant September, came to enquire for a Lodging at her house, which she having ready to dispose of, without much scruple, let it them at so much per week: but the sad event of her so doing, will not let me omit giving the Reader a kind warning, to take care not to follow her ex-

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ample, but to be cautious and circumspect whom either he or she admits under the dangerous shelter of their own roof, for by this means many Masters and Mistresses of Families themselves have lost their Reputation, and their Goods, nay and their lives to boot, which have been brought to a shameful Catastrophe, meerly for want of that Care and Industry which is absolutely requisite in such Cases.

This unfortunate Woman in [illegible] little considered what she had done, when she let these unknown Persons have a free Egress and Regress out and into her House, as well as her self, and by so doing ran indeed too great a hazard for that inconsiderable benefit she was to receive of them, had they prov'd really honest. But alas, two or three days experience of their cautious and inverous Conversations, offer'd her so much reason to think they were either ingag'd in the World, or else had in a base manner abus'd it, that she grew in that small time weary of their Companies, and therefore warn'd them to provide a new Habitation against that Week expir'd; for that since they did not give her that Testimony of their honesty which at their entrance they promised, she was resolved to be troubled with them no longer. Her Lodgers seem'd ve-

by their easiness at the Rates, only desiring of her that during their stay they might enjoy their Lodging in friendship and content, and at the VVeeks end they would honestly pay her, according to their Covenant, and leave her. VVhereupon she said little to them afterwards, but much wondred to see them take such extraordinary care to skulk in and out of Doors at such unseasonable hours, as none, no not their very next Neighbours could ever get sight of them, nor can now give any account of them, or tell what manner of Persons they were.

But since, it is easily imagin'd this unusual desire of concealment was not by reason of Debts, or any wedding engagements, but with full and premeditated design that they might the better commit their intended Murder, and after more securely make their escape.

For on Sunday the 27th Instant, (and the day before the execution of the forementioned VVoolf they were to stay with her) about eight of the Clock in the Evening, they both came, very seemingly kind, down to their Land-Lady, and telling her they had bought a piece of Pork for Supper, desir'd that (since it was the last Night they were to be in her House) she would do them the favour to go up-stairs into their Room and take share of it, and a Glass of Ale, and be merry with them before their departure, (this she declared to several Neighbours before she went up) the good VVoman little suspecting they durst be so impudently wicked, as to attempt

[illegible] any thing of her Life, [illegible] seasonable hours all her [illegible] accepted the invitation, [illegible] VVhere, in order to [illegible] the Board [illegible] all things requisite in those cases.

The particular of every Action which passed among them, is impossible as yet to be related; the two chief Actors of them being her two Lodgers, who are since fled: But this is certain, that the good Woman, who had left her Door open, staid above Stairs so long, that some of her Neighbours, who had never before seen her negligent in that kind, went to her House to advertise her of it; but finding her not below Stairs, at first knock, but receiving no answer, went up Stairs, and found the poor VVoman stark dead, but in a strugling posture, with a Cambrick Handkerchief, thrust, as 'tis imagined, with a Bed-staff, which lay by her, as far down her Throat as possibly they could ram it, in so much that they had rent her Mouth, and a Napkin, with which 'tis thought they first strangled her, ty'd so extremely hard about her Neck, that it was impossible for her [illegible] that her Neighbours might have come in to her assistance. 'Twas about the hour of nine when she was first found in this lamentable condition; and it is credibly reported that about a quarter of an hour before, the the Lodger came to the Door, and perceiving a VVoman, who kept the opposite Ale-house,

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